



European Chemical Transport Association



Presentation Brochure

“ Development of best practices
in the transport and logistics
of chemical goods in Europe ”





ECTA SERVICES TO ITS MEMBERS

- ▲ Development of best practices in the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe
- ▲ An authoritative voice at European level
- ▲ Participation to the Responsible Care (RC) Programme
- ▲ Information on the evolution of transport and logistics issues
- ▲ Assistance on European transport issues
- ▲ Promotion of activities which may be of interest to the European chemical transport and associated activities of the logistics industry

OUR ACTIVITIES

- 1** Joint studies of a scientific nature in co-operation with our members, other associations having related interests, authorities and institutions within Europe at regional, national, European and international level.
- 2** Developing and implementing the RC scheme amongst its members, via trainings, a Technical and RC Committee that discusses various activities of the industry, regular and precise reporting on the company's environmental and social performances.
- 3** Working groups formed of representatives of logistic service providers and producers of chemical goods, where appropriate, authorities and institutions in order to develop best practices for the improvement in the transport and associated activities of the logistics of chemical goods in Europe.
- 4** SQAS (Safety and Quality Assessment System) Transport Service, Warehousing and Tank Cleaning service group.

NB: ECTA has expanded its activities and membership to Warehousing and Tank Cleaning services, in order to allow these companies to become members of Responsible Care and therefore to extend the program throughout various industry sectors in Europe.





OUR MISSION

The European Chemical Transport Association (ECTA) has been created to improve the standards of efficiency, safety, and security as well as the environmental and social impacts of the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe.

ECTA develops Best Practices in the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe, via joint studies and the ECTA Responsible Care Program.

ECTA provides the chemical transport industry with an authoritative voice at European level, ensuring that the industry's views are effectively communicated to key audiences, authorities and institutions within Europe at regional, national, international and European level.

ECTA exchanges information with its members and stakeholders on its activities and respects the EU competition rules in all its activities and promotes such respect of competition rules amongst its members.

HISTORY

During the 24th Logistics Meeting organised by the European Petrochemical Association (October 1997), European chemical hauliers launched the idea of setting up a *European Chemical Road Transport Association*. The purpose was to provide a platform for representing their interests in discussions with the international regulatory bodies and major chemical producer associations. In addition to the carriage of chemicals by road, it was decided that the association would rapidly provide strong support for the intermodal transport of such goods. To reflect that all modes of transportation (including rail and inland waterways) are represented, the name of the organisation has been changed to the European Chemical Transport Association (ECTA).

In 1999 ECTA has been *granted legal personality as non-profit organisation* in accordance with the Belgian law.

ECTA has formed numerous *working groups*, many of them with chemical producers.

On 13 February 2009, during the ECTA annual conference in Barcelona, ECTA officially launched its *Responsible Care Program* for the European chemical land transport sector. ECTA has signed a partnership agreement with the European Chemical Industry Council, (Cefic) to become the first association to launch a European wide RC program in the logistics field. At this meeting already 19 European transport companies signed up on Responsible Care and since then the number of members is increasing. ECTA believes that Responsible Care is the best strategy for its members to communicate their continuous improvement health, safety, security and environmental performance efforts to their customers in the chemical industry.



RESPONSIBLE CARE

ECTA is the first association that has launched a European wide Responsible Care program in the logistics field. More and more ECTA members are getting involved in the RC Program.

Joining ECTA Responsible Care means implementing RC principles into the company strategy, management systems, and daily operations. ECTA believes that Responsible Care is the best strategy for its members to communicate their continuous efforts in QHSSE to their customers in the chemical industry, for whom sustainable supply chains become of major importance.

ECTA applies the RC Scheme to its RC member companies in all European countries in the same and transparent manner, based on self assessment combined with objective and externally verified data on safety management and improvement processes.

A few principles that the Chemicals Transport, Warehousing and Tank Cleaning Companies joining the ECTA RC program will be required to commit to:

- ▲ Continuously improve the environmental, health and safety performance of their operations and associated activities of the transport supply chain of chemical goods so as to avoid harm to people and the environment;
- ▲ Ensure that proper care is taken to protect the safety and health of all people involved in their chemical transport supply chain operations;
- ▲ Minimize the environmental impact of their transport supply chain activities;
- ▲ Collect data and report openly on their performance, achievements and shortcomings.





WHY BECOME AN ECTA MEMBER?

- ▲ You can benefit from a unique networking opportunity between peers active in logistics in Europe;
- ▲ You get access to first hand information on what is happening and evolving in the transport and logistics supply chain of chemical goods in Europe;
- ▲ You can participate in the pro-active development and application of "Best Practices" in the transport and logistics of chemical goods in Europe and in doing so, contribute to the positive development/reduction of an already abundant and in some cases bureaucratic legislation;
- ▲ You can commit to RC, improve your QHSSE performances by collecting and reporting key performance indicators, and proudly carry the RC logo, the sign of recognition by the chemical industry in Europe of their contribution to a sustainable supply chain.

HOW TO BECOME AN ECTA MEMBER?

- ▲ Send ECTA a duly completed and signed application form, which must include the names of at least one person from an ECTA member company for reference.
- ▲ The application form is submitted first to the ECTA Managing Director and to the Board for approval.
- ▲ Upon approval, official membership documents and invoices are sent to the company.
- ▲ Membership becomes effective after payment of the membership fee.





OUR MEMBERS

ECTA counts around 90 member companies, representing road hauliers of liquid, bulk and packaged chemicals, intermodal transport operators, railways and inland barge operators.

Membership of ECTA is divided into the categories Full and Associate. Full Members are logistics service providers involved in the transport, warehousing and tank cleaning activities of chemical goods in Europe. Associate Members are companies or organisations that can, in the opinion of the Board, contribute to the realisation of the objectives of ECTA, such as international or national transport associations, manufacturers or lessors of transport equipment.

Each member company is represented within the association by an **Official Representative**, whose role is to ensure all communication between ECTA and the member company.

ECTA WORKING GROUPS

ECTA has created the following working groups, in co-operation with CEFIC, chemical producers or LSP's, which reflect ECTA's commitment to Responsible Care, Safety and associated areas of QHSSE:

- ▷ Weights & Dimensions
- ▷ Sustainability in Logistics
- ▷ Cargo Securing
- ▷ SULID : Site (Un)loading Information Document
- ▷ Maritime Tipping of Containers carrying Bulk
- ▷ SQAS Transport Service and other assessment packs
- ▷ Working at Height

FUNCTIONING RULES

The ECTA policy is decided by its Board of Directors. The latter is elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. They may stand for re-election at the end of the initial term of office. The Board Membership reflects the importance of the number of members per region.

Amongst the Board members a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and a Managing Director are elected by the Board. They form the Executive Committee who assists the President and the Managing Director. Daily management, administration and the implementation of the ECTA policies and initiatives are handled by the Managing Director and the ECTA Administration Manager. The Annual General Meeting approves the ECTA accounts and budget, the ECTA membership and elects the ECTA Board Members.





OUR PARTNERS

ECTA works closely with the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) and its affiliated organisations and working parties and with various national and international transport associations in Europe.

PUBLICATIONS

A few of the latest guidelines released by ECTA :

- ▷ Guideline for Measuring and Managing CO₂.
- ▷ Guidelines Transport Equipment Packed Cargo.
- ▷ Recommendations on how to manage driver shortages in European chemical transport.
- ▷ ECTA - Cefic Guidelines for Standardized Coding of Transport Events - ECTA Codes.
- ▷ ECTA - Cefic Guidelines for Equipment for the Transport of Dry Bulk Cargo, to be Discharged by Tipping.
- ▷ Guidance on risks and precautions to be considered for bulk liquid loading and unloading operations in road transport.
- ▷ How to Reduce Time Spent by Drivers on Site and Improve Their Treatment.

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Meeting venues

Our Annual Meeting takes place in European cities carefully selected following strict criteria set by the ECTA Board.



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